



Sahuaros Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Alarm Ordinance. FREE permit applications are now available to register your security alarm with the Glendale Police Department.

Glendale's Alarm Ordinance, similar to those in dozens of cities throughout the state, was created with the intent to reduce the number of false alarms throughout the city. Generating a false alarm is a violation of Glendale Ordinance Chapter 3, Alarm Ordinance. February 1 through March 8 has been designated as a "grace period" to allow residents and business owners an opportunity to become familiar with the ordinance and correct any problems that may be causing false alarms.

Effective March 9, 2011 the Glendale Police Department will begin to enforce the new ordinance. A warning letter will be sent to alarm system owners after the first false alarm.

Subsequent false alarms within a 365 day period will result in the assessment of fees which increase with each additional false alarm.

For questions, comments or more information on the fee structure or the ordinance, please call the Glendale Police Alarm Ordinance Hotline (623) 930-2466 or e-mail AlarmCoordinator@glendaleaz.com. A fact sheet and an online application are available on the police department website at www.glendaleaz.com/police.

Green Living Contests. Kids can get out their drawing supplies; teens and adults their cameras. All ages can help promote 'green' living and win prizes in upcoming contests hosted by the city of Glendale in conjunction with its annual Green Festival on March 26.

Children in third to eighth grade are encouraged to enter the My Green Glendale Bookmark Contest with original artwork that depicts how Glendale residents can live a green life. Among the possible topics are conserving water and energy, gardening, recycling, and alternative modes of transportation. Artwork can be created in a variety of mediums.

Amateur photographers 13 and older can enter the My Green Glendale Photo Contest. Photo subjects are up to the photographer's imagination but should depict ways to go "green" in Glendale.

The deadline for each contest is 5 p.m. March 7. All entries will be on display at the Glendale Green Festival where attendees will be able to vote for their favorites. The bookmark and photo contests are organized by the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program, in partnership with the Glendale Library and the Arts Department and Glendale Parks and Recreation Department.

Finalists and winners for each contest will be awarded prizes. For complete contest rules and for more information on the Green Festival, [click here](#) or call 623-930-3535.



Sahuaros Ranch Park Sports Complex Lighting Update. The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department is notifying residents of a continuous lighting that will be held at the Sahuaros Ranch Sports Complex from Feb. 16-20. The sports complex lighting system, recently installed during the complex renovation project, requires an initial continuous 100 hours lighting for "burn-in" prior to regular operation.

Each of the individual sports light lamp bulbs were recently installed under warranty by the light fixture manufacturer. This type of bulb installation requires the 100-hour "burn-in" time to stabilize the lighting levels in preparation for field use, and ensures the lighting system will operate as expected during the life span of the bulbs. During this "burn-in" the lights will remain on constantly for the duration of the 100 hours.

Sahuaros Ranch Sports Complex is located at Sahuaros Ranch Park at 9895 N. 63rd Ave., between Olive and Peoria avenues.

Glendale University 101 Spring 2011 Semester. Sign up now for the Glendale University 101 spring semester! This free educational program, offered in partnership with Cox Communications, is for Glendale residents and business owners who want to learn more about the city of Glendale and how it operates. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as police and fire, finance and budget, community services, public services and more. At the first class on March 7, participants will meet Glendale's Mayor and City Council. Please [click here](#) for more information about this 10-week program. The last day for registration is Feb 28th.

Downtown Glendale Hosts Three Events in One Day – March 5

Artwerks First Saturdays • Walkway off 58th Ave. • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

First Saturdays showcases artists at work, while encouraging visitors to tour historic downtown Glendale, enjoy its boutiques, shops and dining options. Working artists set-up in the renovated walkway just east of downtown Murphy Park at 58th Avenue. First Saturdays, an initiative of Artwerks Lateral 58, is aimed at helping the local arts community connect with the unique businesses in [Glendale's Centerline District](#) while creating a free cultural event for the public.

Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Cafe • Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bring along your beret and enjoy entertainment, an art show, French Market, shopping and dining all with a Parisian theme! Start at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking and event map. The first 250 visitors will receive a free gift bag. The Glendale Visitor Center is also collecting new and gently worn shoes to benefit Soles4Souls, a non-profit charity which provides shoes to adults and children in need. Soles4Souls accepts all types of shoes: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip flops.

Open Air Market • 5734 W. Glendale Avenue, Historic Downtown Glendale • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy a beautiful spring day at a fun outside market in the heart of Glendale's historic shopping district. The market features antiques, collectibles, art, treasures, crafts and food.

And, on the same day, a culinary festival titled TASTE will be held in Murphy Park. For more information about the March 5 events, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. Join us for the 21st Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday February 12 and Sunday, February 13. The show is held at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! Adults \$5; ages 12 and under free. For more details, call 623-930-4200.

Fine Arts Exhibit at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Original art by Arizona artists is featured at the Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition held through February 20 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Fruit Packing Shed, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The exhibit features a variety of art mediums including watercolor, acrylic, oils, mixed mediums, photography and more on a variety of subjects.

The exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The exhibit is free, but admission to the park will be \$5 per person for those over 12 years old on Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, during the 21st Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. There is no charge to enter the park on all other exhibit dates. For more information, call 623-930-4206.

VIN Etching Program. The [Glendale Police Department](#), the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority and Greenbrier School are holding a free VIN etching event from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 at Greenbrier School, 6150 W. Greenbriar Dr. VIN Etching on your vehicle is a visual deterrent against auto theft. [Click here](#) for more information on auto theft prevention and VIN etching.

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